

many are interested in the inauguration of the King of kings and Lord of lords? How much are we doing and spending in order to hasten that glorious event? We are glad to say that we had a few out of the many thousands to attend the services on Sunday. Several states were represented. Some were there because they wished to worship God rather than do anything else on the Lord's day and they "dropped in" because the church was convenient. Others were present from several states because they had a special interest in the work. I had first thought to mention the names of the brethren and sisters present from the various states, but for fear I might fail to name all, and not wishing to seem partial, perhaps it would be better to omit that. Suffice it to say we were very glad for the presence of so many of those of "like precious faith" from distant parts. All seemed to be pleased with the church home and to enjoy the services.

"Squeeze Me In."—This is the language of my little four year-old boy, Thoburn. I tell it because of the moral connected with it. A certain program was being prepared and he was very anxious not to be left out. On being told by his sister that he was not on the program, he seemed very much stirred up and insisted upon her going to see one of the committee and ask her to "please squeeze me in." We have the two classes in the church—one wishes to be *squeezed* into service—they serve joyfully, lovingly, zealously, the other desires to be "squeezed out." Their religion is irksome. They serve (?) because they must. I have been in a position to notice the difference in these two kinds of service. Am I serving God because I *love* to do so, or because I *have to*?

Another wedding.—It was a very quiet one, however, and took place at the home of your unworthy servant on Sunday morning, March 3, immediately preceding the eleven o'clock services. The contracting parties were our worthy Brother, John G. Toepper of this city and Sister Martha J. Varner of near Luray, Virginia. I suppose that this might properly be termed an *accession to the church by marriage*. At any rate we welcome our dear sister into our midst and wish them much happiness as they journey together down the checkered vale of life.

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#### Our Easter Offering

After a long period of silence, the Indiana District is asked to rally its forces for the best missionary offering it has ever taken. If *every church* will come to the support of your board the result will be a surprise to all. Tho hindered by sickness, and giving way to others who wanted the same day set by the board, we hope that none will lose sight of the "thousand dollar" mark set by our State Conference. Why should we? We have never done half so well as we could. To raise the amount in half the time we expected, will simply mean twice the prestige for our cause. Accomplishing *great things*

for God in this the first year of the century, means starting right, and *starting right* is half the battle. Let no man say "We can't." "If you want to go to heaven, lift." Let every loyal follower of Jesus for the next four weeks work, pray and sing that our offering may be a credit to our Bible claims in other directions. Will you? Write the secretary a hearty yes. Won't you take a bold stand

"For the cause that needs assistance,  
For the wrongs that need resistance,  
For the future in the distance,  
And the good that I can do?"

Write the secretary, "By God's help our offering shall be twice as much as it has ever been," and then go to work and do it.

#### SUGGESTIONS

Announce the offering at every service until the time comes to take it.

Ask whether all will not share in the blessings that come from giving.

Call for those to raise their hands who will pray with you for a complete victory over stinginess in the Lord's work.

Let every pastor preach the most stirring sermon of his life on "Be Missionary or Die" and announce two weeks before that it will be the effort of his life.

Let the Sunday school teacher request that her class break all records for that day on giving for this work.

Announce for all to be cheerful, hopeful, courageous, *determined*—to give, of course.

Write of your success as teacher, superintendent and pastor that others may share in your joy.

G. W. RENCH, Pres. Board.

#### Financial Report of Secretary Home Mission Board of Pa.

Amount previously reported	\$50 25
Feb. 10, Glade Run per D. J. Bole,	5 55
" 12, New Enterprise church per S. L. Buck,	11 75
" 18, Mollie Ganz for self, Sallie Griffith & J. D. Ganz & wife,	2 00
" 28, Johnstown church,	50 00
Total to date,	\$119 55

Remember, brethren, five months of the year are gone and the larger part of the churches are yet to hear from for the first contribution. Let the good work go on and the Brethren church of Pennsylvania redeem herself on the mission record.

R. Z. REPLOGLE, Sec'y.

## Among the Churches

#### Bryan, Ohio

From the time the engagement was made with Brother Bauman to a meeting here, we were all anxiously waiting for the time when Bryan, O., should have the privilege of hearing one of our best revivalists. I believe many years have elapsed since Bryan has heard such plain, fearless preaching as Brother Bauman gave; if it ever did. We are confident, he not only made himself felt while here, but made many friends as well. If Bryan would have such plain Bible teaching coming from its pulpits for a period of five or ten years it would

not be infested with so much evil, and so few Christians.

The meeting has been of vital good to us in several ways. It has helped quicken the church. It has stirred some of the indifferent and put them to work. It has given the pastor more boldness in preaching the Gospel. And greatest of all it has brought seven souls out on the Lord's side.

While Brother Bauman preached we made calls. The meeting has not only been a help to the church, but to the town as well. But like the Bethesda meeting, it had to close just when the interest was really beginning to be manifested. We shall, however, live under the hope of securing Brother Bauman to hold a meeting next winter. Our prayer is, that our dear brother may be spared to labor in our Lord's vineyard many years.

We are now looking forward to our State Conference to be held at this place next June. Let every brother in the State do likewise. It is not too early to think over our needs, and to lay plans for more aggressive work. It is our hope that this may be the best Conference the State has ever had. We are somewhat isolated from the general brotherhood in the State, and for this reason, we want the power of the Conference to be felt.

S. B. GRISSO.

#### From the Gate City

"At 60 we lack the vigor and buoyancy of 30 and the mind does not act as freely and as spontaneously," says brother D. C. Moomaw, and we have to plead guilty to the charge.

Since taking the new wife we will try and write a few thoughts for our welcome visitor, the EVANGELIST. The last number was a treat to us. The article from L. G. Wood did me good for so many reasons. He is particularly a dear brother to me, having known him ever since he was born into the kingdom. Brother Furry's description of the preacher applies to Brother Wood. "No man can preach with power that is not in sympathy with his message, and no man can be in sympathy with the gospel message that does not have in him a measure of that spirit which was in Jesus." We always have looked upon Brother Wood as a man with a goodly portion of the Holy Spirit. "True Consecration," by Brother Hazlett, surely has the right ring. If we had more of the kind described the cause of the Master would not go languishing. Our dear friend and brother, J. E. Braker, introduced a vital query in his brief article. We hope the readers of the EVANGELIST have taken time to look up all the references our attention was called to.

We attempted a short time ago to preach from the third chapter of the first Epistle of John and the first clause of the fourteenth verse, and as we labored to point out the evidences from the scriptures and individual experience, a good brother whom we love fell asleep. We have queried much in our own mind the defect of the discourse; whether it lacked logic or snuff. Possibly like the good deacon he concluded that it was Hixson and he could better enjoy himself in a sound nap.

We visited Centerview, Mo., on the 24th and held two pleasant meetings with them. Found our dear sister, Mrs. Jonas Leedy, quite sick with a severe attack of grip.

This little band of brethren ought to have a series of meetings among them. Our good brother, W. J. H. Bauman, a few years ago ministered to them, baptized some of them and might do them good to call that way again. He too is on the shady side of 60 and is not so responsive as he was at 30.

Let us remember, brethren, our missions. I could read a good deal between the lines of J. O. Talley's last report of the Chicago work. He needs our prayers, but he needs more. He needs much that the Lord has blessed us with temporally and financially. Our Washington missionary, God bless him, keeps cheery amid sunshine and gloom, evidence conclusive that he loves the work and that the Lord's spirit is indwelling. Hope we may